**Basic Information: Vervet monkey (Chlorocebus aethiops)**

**Names: vervet monkey, green monkey, grivet monkey**

**Identification pointers:** medium-sized monkey, silvery-grey coat; black face; long, thin tails; always found in groups; males larger, with large blue scrotum and red penis.

**Can be confused with:** samango monkey

**Activity period:** diurnal

**Length:** 90-130cm **Height:** 0.4-0.5cm **Weight:** 2-8.5kg

**Gestation period:** ±7 months

**Lifespan:** ±10-12

**Diet:** Mainly leaves, fruit, flowers, seeds and gum. Also known to eat insects, and small vertebrates.

**Predators:** Eagles such as the marshal eagle, large snakes, medium to large carnivores, in particular leopards, also occasionally taken by baboons.

**Preferred habitat:** Found mainly in savannahs with some degree of tree cover. Also found in thicket, woodland and riverine habtitats.

**Red List status:** Least Concern

**Population:** Stable

**Threats:** No major threats, considered as an agricultural pest in many fruit growing areas, often killed as problem animals in reserves and lodges.